The text below seems to be a good compromise and common sense approach. It appears to take into account the concerns of the producers who do not want to be responsible for costs which are beyond their control. It also recognises the debate between producer responsibility and consumer responsibility. Putting the full costs for litter clean up on producers does not address the causes of littering. Producers do not have a problem with paying their fair share towards litter abatement etc and I imagine they will view it as a positive development that the costs will be established in a transparent way and that they will have another opportunity to input on this issue when the guidelines are being drafted.

Best Regards,
Tony

2b. [...] The costs to be covered shall not exceed the costs that are necessary to provide those services in a cost-efficient way and shall be established in a transparent way between the actors concerned. The costs to clean up litter shall be limited to activities undertaken by public authorities or on their behalf. The calculation methodology for the costs to clean up litter should take into account considerations of proportionality. To minimize administrative costs Member contributions to clean up litter by setting appropriate multiannual fixed amounts. The Commission shall publish guidelines for criteria, in consultation with Member States.
on the cost to clean up litter
referred to in paragraphs 2 and 2a.

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